

House Resolution 351 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Holmes of the 61st, Willard of the 49th, Ashe of the 56th, Jones of the 46th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Fulton County; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission on Fulton County Governance
3 formulated suggested reforms for the operations of Fulton County in order to make
4 operations efficient and responsive to the residents of Fulton County; and

5 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission specifically recommended changes
6 to the size and composition of the Fulton County Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission suggested enhancement of the
8 authority of the chairperson of the Fulton County Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission recommended that reforms were
10 needed with regard to the operations of the sheriff's office, superior court clerk's office, and
11 general operations and configuration of the Fulton County justice system; and

12 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission proposed reforms regarding the
13 Fulton County library system; and

14 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission suggested reforms regarding
15 Fulton County health and human services; and

16 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission commended reformation of the
17 Fulton County transportation system; and

18 WHEREAS, a separate study is currently being conducted on the division of Fulton County
19 into more than one county.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Study Committee on Fulton County. The
3 committee shall consist of 16 members; eight members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant
4 Governor and eight members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives. The Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House each shall designate
6 a member of the committee as cochairperson of the committee. The chairpersons shall call
7 all meetings of the committee.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
9 needs, issues, and uses of the Fulton County government structure and operations and the
10 problems found by the Fulton County Blue Ribbon Commission or related thereto and
11 recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
12 The committee shall seek the advice and opinions of private, institutional, and law
13 enforcement experts and officials. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places
14 and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully its
15 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
16 In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with
17 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the
18 convening of the 2008 session of the General Assembly, at which time the committee shall
19 stand abolished.